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Boulder Landmarks Board wins 2008 NAPC Commission Excellence Award

On Friday, July 11th, in the opening session of the National Commission Forum in New Orleans, Louisiana, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) will present the **City of Boulder's Landmarks Board** with one of ten awards to recognize and honor the outstanding efforts and achievements of local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions, and boards of architectural review.

The Landmarks Board was honored in the category of Best Practices in Protection for its *General Design Guidelines for Boulder's Historic Districts and Individual Landmarks*, a comprehensive initiative and set of design guidelines for the city's historic districts and landmarks with a particular focus on environmental sustainability.

Ann McGlone, Chair of NAPC's Board of Directors, praised the project "as a model for other communities, and, overall, for the timeliness and importance of the project in joining preservation and environmental issues."

This year is the first for the awards to be given. The awards are intended to highlight 'best practices' and exceptional accomplishments by commissions at the local level, for both large and small communities, to protect historic districts and landmarks through legislation, education and advocacy. The NAPC Commission Excellence Awards are the only national awards program specific to the work of local preservation commissions. The awards are sponsored by The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation.

Founded in 1983, NAPC is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to local preservation commissions and their issues, and undertakes a variety of activities to build strong local preservation programs through education, training and advocacy.

One of NAPC's major activities is a biennial National Commission Forum of training and educational sessions and mobile workshops—now in its sixth year, this year being held in New Orleans, LA—attended by some 450 volunteer members and staff persons of local preservation commissions from across the nation.

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